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Dear Admiral Raborn:

Thank you very much for your letter and enclosed Briefing Paper of 12 June 1965. The situation in Vietnam has been suppurating for so long and the complexity of its problems has mushroomed to such a degree that your Briefing Paper is just about a necessity for all of us to take inventory of what has been asked of us and how we responded. It is excellent for sustaining perspective and reminding policy makers (as well as ourselves) that we have all been dealing with something less than the sum of the parts of the Vietnam situation.

I am attaching for your information a copy of a memorandum I sent to CNO on 8 June. It was inspired by our recent USIB discussions, which I consider an invaluable aid for keeping CNO and SECNAV fully informed on matters vital to their mission.

Your letter and the Briefing Paper have been forwarded by hand to CNO and SECNAV who will, I am sure, be deeply interested.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,


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